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THE CLAIMS

1. An apparatus for pivotally securing a gutter to a fascia such that it may be pivotally moved between a first (draining) position and a second (cleaning) position.
- 5 2. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, including a bracket having an arm outwardly extending therefrom, and, a hinge means provided at a remote end of said arm, said gutter adapted to be secured to said hinge means such that pivotal movement is effected thereabouts.
- 10 3. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said gutter includes an integrally formed connection means for pivotal attachment of said gutter to said hinge means on said arm.
4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further including a connection means which is
15 adapted to be secured to said gutter and to said hinge means.
5. An apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said connection means is shaped to substantially surround and thereby support said gutter therein.
- 20 6. An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the extremities of said connection means are formed with deformable tabs thereon, which are adapted to be deformed to at least partially surround lips formed on the edges of said gutter's walls.
7. An apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, further including a releasable
25 locking means to lock said gutter in said first (draining) position.
8. An apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein said apparatus is shaped to complement the profile of the gutter to which it is attached.
- 30 9. An apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein said arm extends outwards from said connection means in a substantially L-shaped configuration.

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10. A gutter adapted to be pivotally secured to a fascia such that it can be pivoted between a first (draining) position and a second (cleaning) position.
- 5 11. A gutter as claimed in claim 10, including a hinge means for effectively pivotal movement thereabouts.
12. A guttering system which enable pivoted movement of a gutter component between a first (draining) position and a second (cleaning) position.
- 10 13. A guttering system as claimed in claim 12, wherein said gutter component pivots upwardly and outwardly from a pivotal axis which is displaced outwards from a fascia to which said guttering system is affixed.
- 15 14. A guttering system as claimed in claims 12 or 13, wherein a gutter component is adapted to pivotally move relative to compatible ancillary components including, but not limited to, corner gutter components, downpipe components, etc.
- 20 15. A guttering system as claimed in claim 13, wherein a seal is provided between said respective gutter components and/or said compatible ancillary components.
16. A method of cleaning a gutter, including the steps of:
- pivoting said gutter from a first draining position to a second cleaning position,
25 such that the gutter is disposed outwardly relative to its draining position;
removing leaves from said gutter; and,
returning said gutter to said first (draining) position.
17. A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein, prior to said pivoting steps, a locking
30 means is unlocked, and, after said returning step, said locking means is relocked.

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18. A tool for effecting movement of a gutter system between a first (draining) position and a second (cleaning) position, including a tool having a shaped end adapted to engage with said gutter, said tool being provided on an elongate handle such that said movement may be effected from a substrate surface remote from said gutter.

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19. A tool as claimed in claim 18, further including lock operating means to lock and/or unlock a locking means.

20. An apparatus for pivotally securing a gutter to a fascia, substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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21. A gutter to be pivotally secured to a fascia, substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

22. A guttering system, substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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23. A tool for pivoting a guttering apparatus, substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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24. A method for cleaning a gutter, substantially as herein described.